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3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

Dear Stakeholder,

## Important Information about Burntwood Health and Wellbeing Centre

We are writing to inform you that the current contract for general practice service provision at Burntwood Health and Wellbeing Centre, High Street, Chasetown, Burntwood, WS7 3XH, comes to a natural end in March 2024.

When an Alternative Provider Medical Services (APMS) GP contract ends, the NHS Integrated Care Board (ICB) for Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent needs to decide how patients registered at the practice can continue to access GP services in the future. This means, either; asking patients to register with another existing local practice of their choice (known as list dispersal) or appointing a new provider for the continuation of GP services. This would be through a competitive tendering process (known as procurement).

In deciding which approach to take we need to consider all relevant information, such as the size and demographic profile of the practice population, public health information, the availability and condition of the existing premises, and the number, capacity, and quality of other local GP practices.

A commissioning decision has been made to disperse the patient list at Burntwood Health and Wellbeing Centre when the contact ends. The commissioning decision that has been made is based on our priorities of ensuring the best services for our patients delivered from high quality, fit for purpose buildings with the right resources.

Burntwood estate provision has been developed substantially over recent years thanks to significant financial investment to support with the growth of housing developments. This includes the development of Greenwood Health Centre, in which Darwin Medical Centre now resides. In addition, Burntwood North development is due to be completed in the future.

The direction of travel for the ICB (formerly the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), has remained consistent over the last nine years. Burntwood Health and Wellbeing Centre was a temporary solution whilst the estate in that area was further developed to accommodate the patients in the future.

The patients registered with Burntwood Health and Wellbeing Centre have been informed of the decision and advised that they do not need to take any immediate action. We have provided patients with contact details if they have any concerns and we will write to them again in August advising that they will need to register with another practice by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

The three local surgeries are:

The Darwin Practice Salters Meadow Health Centre The Langton Medical Group - Boney Hay Surgery

If applicable, please can you ensure any records are updated by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 and any business outstanding with Burntwood Health and Wellbeing Centre is complete. We appreciate your patience and cooperation during this transitional time.

Yours sincerely Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board

Chair: David Pearson MBE